(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for the following projects:

(i) New Line from Palani to Chamrajnagar *via* Dharapur, Tiruppur and Sathyamanglam (145 km.); and

(ii) New Line from Hogenekkal to Tiruvannamalai via Dharmapuri-Morappur, Harur and Theerthamalai (170 km.)

In addition, it was suggested that a Corporation, on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation, be set up for construction of railway lines in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Due to acute constraint of resources it has not been found possible to take up the projects suggested at (i) and (ii) above.

Regarding the Corporation, this too could not be done owing to the directives of the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance that no more Corporations be set up.

Granting of promotion to post of Clerk

2996. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleastd to state whether Government propose to promote the educationally qualified class IV staff of the Traffic Department belonging to the Medical Classification C.1. and C.2. such as Traffic Inspector Peons, Commercial Inspector Parcel Porters, Goods Shed Porters, Sealers etc. to the post of Office Clerk, in view of stagnation in their cadres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): 33-1/3 per cent of the vacancies in certain Group 'C' posts including Office Clerks are earmarked for promotion, by selection, of Group 'D' staff for whom no regular avenue of promotion exists, promotion groups being identified by the Zonal Railways on the basis of broad affinity of work.

Recognition of Trade Unions

2997. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government are considering a proposal to enact a law to grant recognition to Railway Trade Unions based on elections with a view to ensure recognition to the Trade Union which really represent the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Railways.

Granting promotion to the motor vehicle drivers etc. in the Railway

2998. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to designate as works Ministries and grant the scale Rs. 1400-2300 to the Motor Vehicle Drivers and Motor Trolly Fitters etc., in the various departments in the Railways as is being done in the case of other Artisans such as Carpenter, Brick Layer, Painter etc;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No proposal to designate Motor Vehicle Drivers and Motor Trolly Fitters as 'Works Ministries' is under consideration

of this Ministry. Being in Artisan category, they are allowed the grade of Master Craftsmen Rs. 1400-2300 (RPS), subject to fulfilment of the criteria laid down.

मुम्बई में रेलवे स्टेशनों के नामों में परिवर्तन

2999. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार रेलवे स्टेशनों क चर्च गेट, मैरिन लाइंस, ग्रांट रोड, लोअर परेल, सांता क्रूज, सैंडहर्स्ट रोड, करी रोड, रे रोड, डाकयार्ड रोड, काटन ग्रीन और किंग सर्किल आदि ब्रिटिश काल के नामों को बदलकर उन्हें स्वदेशी नाम देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में मुम्बई के विभिन्न संगठनों की ओर से कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही करने पर विचार कर रही है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) मौजूदा नीति के अनुसार र्तमान स्टेशनों के नामों में किसी प्रकार ा परिवर्तन संबंधित राज्य सरकार की सिफारिश तथा गृह मंत्रालय की सहमति से ही किया जा सकता है, इन रेलवे स्टेशनों के नामों में परिवर्तन करने के संबंध में महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा विधिवत रूप से संस्तुत तथा गृह मंत्रालय की विधिवत सहमति का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ग) और (घ) मैरिन लाइंस का नाम बदलकर जिमखाना रखने के बारे में जिमखाना बम्बई कैथोलिक हिन्दू इस्लाम पारसी संघ के अध्यक्ष बी0सी0एच0आई0 पी0 से केवल एक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ।

(ङ) फिलहाल मैरिन लाइंस स्टेशन का नाम बदलने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Railway station in Pondicherry

3000. SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received from the Government of Pondicherry recommendations for setting up of two railway stations in the Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bombay Suburban Railway commuters

3001. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of the projects and amenities Government propose to provide for the benefit of Bombay Suburban Railway commuters on both Central and Western Railways, in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Provision of amenities and additional facilities on the suburban system in Bombay in the next 3 years would depend on the availability of resources.